National overseas scholarship scheme for SCs/STs

1664. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for SCs/STs is being implemented since 1954-55;

(b) if so, the amount of funds demanded by her Ministry for this scheme during 1996-97 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, and the funds allocated and actually utilized for this scheme during these years, year-wise; and

(c) the number of SC/ST Students/Scholars who have been awarded the said scholarships /fellowships for the years 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requisite information is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Allocated (In B.E.)	Utilized
1996-97	4.90	1.80
1997-98	4.90	2.32
1998-99	3.90	1.23
1999-2000	1.72	1.00
2000-2001	1.13	0.21 (upto 02/8/2000)

(c) 26 candidates have been selected for the award for the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 (combined). During 1996-97 and 1997-98, no new student was selected. However, students selected earlier continued to get admissible assistance during these two years.

Beneficiaries of Uttar Pradesh Backward Finance and Development Corporation

† 1665. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs. 17,31,9600O/-received from Government has been distributed among the 500 beneficiaries by Uttar Pradesh Backward Finance and Development Corporation during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the level of benefit received by beneficiaries, division-wise;

(c) the number of beneficiaries of Garhwal and Kumaon Divisions in Uttar Pradesh alongwith the details of amount thereof; and

(d) the position of current year's fund of Rs. 22 crores, till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Uttar Pradesh Backward Finance & Development Corporation, which is the State Channelising Agency (SCA) nominated by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, disbursed an amount of Rs. 1422.62 lakhs to 3786 beneficiaries out of an amount of Rs. 1731.96 lakhs received from the National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation during the last three years. The balance amount is in the process of disbursement to the eligible beneficiaries.

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